GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:541
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FENCING AND FLOODLIGHTING AT BORDERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of Indo-Nepal and Indo- Bangladesh borders shared by different States in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the works of fencing and floodlighting on Indo-Bangladesh border has not been completed so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said works are likely to be completed, State-wise;

(d) whether incidents of smuggling are rampant on the said borders;

(e) if so, the details of such cases reported alongwith the number of persons apprehended during each of the last three years and the current year, border-wise and State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check such illegal activities on the borders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 541 FOR 4TH MAY, 2010 REGARDING FENCING & FLOODLIGHTING AT BORDERS.

(a) The length of Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders shared by different States in the country are as below:-

Indo-Nepal border

S.No.	State	Length of border (in km)
1.	Uttarakhand	263.00
2.	Uttar Pradesh	560.00
3.	Bihar	729.00
4.	West Bengal	100.00
5.	Sikkim	99.00
	Total	1751.00

Indo-Bangladesh border

S.No.	State	Length of border (in km)
1.	West Bengal	2216.70
2.	Assam	263.00
3.	Meghalaya	443.00
4.	Tripura	856.00
5.	Mizoram	318.00
	Total	4096.70

(b) & (c): Out of total sanctioned fencing of 3436 km, about 2709 km of fencing has been completed. Similarly, 718 km of floodlighting has been completed, against the sanctioned length of 3117 km. Sanctioned works of fencing and floodlighting are in progress and the entire balance works are targeted to be completed by March, 2012.

(d) & (e): Incidents of smuggling from across the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders have been reported. The value of smuggled items, in Indian currency, seized by the border guarding forces on these borders and the apprehensions made during the last three years and in the current year are as below:-

Indo-Nepal border

State	2007		2008		2009		2010 (Upto March)	
	Value of seized items (Rs. In crore)	Persons apprehe -nded	Value of seized items (Rs. In crore)	Persons apprehe -nded	Value of seized items (Rs. In crore)	Persons apprehe -nded	Value of seized items (Rs. In crore)	Persons apprehe -nded
Uttarakhand	0.10	4	0.08	14	0.13	0	0.10	16
Uttar Pradesh	4.71	700	10.30	909	7.13	714	1.56	147
Bihar	10.85	220	24.94	281	55.47	352	7.67	134
West Bengal	3.88	112	3.99	205	4.26	338	0.46	32
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	19.54	1036	39.31	1409	66.99	1404	9.79	329

Indo-Bangladesh border

State	2007		2008		2009		2010 (Upto March)	
	Value of seized items (Rs. In crore)	Persons apprehe -nded	Value of seized items (Rs. In crore)	Persons apprehe -nded	Value of seized items (Rs. In crore)	Persons apprehe -nded	Value of seized items (Rs. In crore)	Persons apprehe -nded

West Bengal 92.21 6214 68.00 4301 97.91 3443 9.42 722

Assam 8.27 257 15.49 268 13.47 277 2.9 33

Meghalaya 6.38 583 6.45 529 9.67 378 1.34 54

Tripura 10.83 926 10.18 768 47.84 586 11.42 89

Mizoram 1.49 39 1.22 80 0.30 82 0.7 22

Total 119.18 8019 101.34 5946 169.19 4766 25.78 920

(f): The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check illegal activities across international borders, including smuggling which, inter-alia, includes the following:-

i) Round the clock surveillance and patrolling of the borders. The domination of riverine borders is being done through water crafts and floating Border Out Posts (BOPs).
ii) Establishment of observation posts;
iii) Construction of border fencing and flood lighting;
iv) Introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipments;
v) Establishment of additional Border Out Posts along borders to reduce inter-se distance of BOPs;
vi) Up-gradation of intelligence set up; and
vii) Appropriate co-ordination with the concerned State Governments and the intelligence agencies.